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**TO: ALL VIRGINIA WING SENIOR MEMBERS AND CADETS—COMMANDERS
PLEASE POST**

FROM: HQ, VIRGINIA WING

UNIT NEWSLETTER: It is very important that you share this Newsletter with all Members of your Unit. Please review this material at your unit meeting and post a copy on your Bulletin Board so that it will be available to ALL members. (Members can't participate if you do not tell them about coming events). This Bulletin is posted on the Virginia Wing Paperless Website as a PDF document.

Dec 2002

7 Wing Staff Meeting; all members welcome

REPORTS DUE: (Required by NHQ &/or Wing CC)

- 5** - Corp. Vehicle Daily Inspection Reports
- 10** - VA Wg A/C Utilization Reports due (Including Checks)
- Public Affairs Report
- Chaplains Report

1. WING COMMANDER: All members of Virginia Wing need to read this month's bulletin in detail. There are many things happening in January and February, which could be missed if you skim over the material. Of special note, there are some training opportunities for Emergency Services Staff personnel under the new ES system that will only be offered once this fiscal year.

The Virginia Wing command staff met for a first anniversary review of goals and priorities since assuming command in November 2001. Some of the more noteworthy things I will be looking to do in the coming year are as follow:

- Make Safety compliance in Virginia a "culture change" as opposed to a program change.
- Hold Wing level cadet activities (such as the Wing FTX) more often during the year.
- Hold a Unit Commander's course somewhere in the wing.
- Develop a second glider program in Group 5 (task is already nearing completion).
- Develop the cadet officer corps in Virginia and explore the possibility of a Wing Cadet Commander position.
- Firmly establish Homeland Security as a mission of Virginia Wing
- Make increases to Virginia's aircraft and vehicle fleet commensurate with our expanding utilization rates.

The overall goal is the continued steady growth of Virginia Wing. We are right now near the top of national statistics in so many different areas (aircraft utilization, number of cadet orientation rides, percentage of mission qualified personnel, mission alerting system, finance and logistics functions, etc.) that we are considered to be one of the best wings in CAP. My personal goal is to have our Wing

acknowledged as number one in the nation, and I will work with all members to achieve that distinction for Virginia. I hope you and your families have a safe and rewarding Holiday Season, and as always a Happy New Year!

2. CHIEF-of-STAFF- The third Monday of each month has been set aside for a Wing Staff Meeting. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

To get right to the point, we need to have many more communicators checking into the VAWG HF Radio Nets. The latest Communications Directory shows 92 stations licensed as HF-capable radio communicators. Perhaps all 92 stations do not actually have an HF radio with all of the wideband/narrowband requirements, but many more do. As we are supposed to be preparing for Homeland Security missions, this low turnout on the net is no longer acceptable. We need to exercise our radios, and practice our communications skills, to prepare for any possible need for radio operations in support of these and other missions.

If you have an HF radio that is operational, I urge you to get it "on the air" beginning NOW. Please don't say that "someone else will do it" because someone else is NOT, or I would not be putting out this appeal.

The net is scheduled as follows:

M-W-F	0730 hours	4.585 Mhz
T-Th	1830 hours	same freq.
Sun	0830 hours	same freq.

Let's hear from all of you who have not been regulars, and keep going until you ARE regulars on the nets. We NEED your participation, and you need the practice!

3. FINANCE: This is a reminder to all units who have had a change in command or change of finance officer since October 2, 2001. According to CAPR 173-1, all units will perform an audit using Attachment 5 as a guideline. Other specific instructions may be found in the regulation under Sect 4. A copy of the audit is due at Wing HQ within 30 days after the change.

4. WING NEWS: Visit the VA Wing Web page (<http://www.vawg.cap.gov/paperless/login/htm>) to view, download, and print the new wing supplements and forms. This is a new login sequence so please change your bookmarks accordingly.

Two Unit Command changes have been recently made. Please welcome Capt Ty Janney as the Commander of Fredericksburg Composite Squadron and Capt Scott Hutchinson for Prince William Composite Squadron.

The CAP National Headquarters Personnel Directorate now has a toll-free access number. CAP member may now call (877) 227-9142 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CDT. You will have a choice of menu options or a directory of Personnel employees. This number will only put you in touch with Personnel.

The next time you are online at home, log in the National HQ. Pull up your personal record and check all the information. Don't forget to check your area code, phone number, home and email address. Wing Admin cannot change this information for you- you must do it yourself. The information in your record at National is used by the VAWG Paperless website. If it is not correct, you may be missing out.

At the NEC meeting held 7 November 2002, the "wear out" period for the light blue (smurf) utility uniform was extended until 31 December 2003. This is a one year extension. Eat your heart out Elvis!

5. COMMUNICATION- Numerous radio stations have failed to renew their license. All existing stations are permitted to renew, even if they no longer have a NTIA compliant radio. Many stations with expired licenses are squadrons. Once you lose your license, you must have a NTIA radio to obtain a new one. Non renewal will result in recall of practice ELT transmitters and any CAP radios. Please send a VAF 19 to VAWGHQ/DOX, 23 South Berlin Pike, Lovettsville, VA 20180-8502 if you have not already done so. It may also be faxed to 540-822-4732. If you are not sure of your status, contact Bruce Patterson at 540-822-4731

6. PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Please submit articles to the Civil Air Patrol News. We invite you to submit articles regarding special events, aerospace activities, change of command, ES missions, cadet program activities, field trips, training exercises...the sky's the limit. Please make sure you include pertinent information using the "who, what, where, when and why" formula and you'll have a good article

7. CADETS: The Cadet Resources website is CadetStuff.org. This website has been developed for cadets and those working with them. Visit the website; send your feedback to CAPSGT@aol.com.

Any information you may need for requirements and procedure for Cadets interested in applying as staff for this year's encampment, paperwork needed etc can be found at www.vawg.cap.gov the cadet programs.

8. PERSONNEL: Please note: even though the current edition of CAPR 39-2 requires you send membership application and money to Wing, it has been superseded. **ALL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND ALL DUES, NATIONAL AND WING, SHOULD BE SENT TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.**

There is now a Section on the Virginia Wing Paperless Website to view the status of personnel action requests. Before contacting the Director of Personnel, try viewing this website. Any suggestions to make it more "user friendly" will be appreciated. Contact Lt Larry Evans at 1lt.evans.usaf-aux@datawarp.net.

There is a "ribbon checker" tool located on the Middle East Region web site. It's a page that lets you specify which ribbons you've earned, and then gives you a color diagram of how to arrange them! Check it out at: Cadets www.mer.cap.gov/ribbons/check_cdt
Seniors www.mer.cap.gov/ribbons/check_sr

9. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Please advise Major Roy Davis of any SLS or CLC classes given in your group/unit.

10. EMERGENCY SERVICES: Because of the inclement weather experienced during the SAR CAP, the Wing will sponsor Mission Aircrew Training at unit locations during the third and fourth weekends in December. Initial dates are 20-22 December, and if funding is available, 27-29 December. An OPOD will be published and distributed by the end of November.

A special thanks is offered to the sixty-plus people who attended the SARCAP at Martinsville this past month. While the air-training portion was obviously not productive, there was quite a bit of training on the ground side, as well as significant mission base training. Thanks also to the many members of the mission planning staff who were prepared for full-scale operations.

By the beginning of January, 2003, CAP members who hold advanced specialty ratings and would like to be designated as evaluators should coordinate with their unit commander to begin the approval process. A specific letter of instruction will be issued to outline the procedures. All ES

qualified members are encouraged to review CAP Regulation 60-3, especially Change 1, dated 17 August for details.

The Wing now has twelve members who are eligible to teach SET at the unit level. Each Group has at least one of these members. Updated materials have been sent to each of the instructors. Members who have already taken the TTT test or the SET on line examination are not required to retake the test. However, members are strongly encouraged to attend the current training with the updated material.

On 18 January, the Wing will sponsor Scanner Familiarization and Preparatory Training hosted by Group 5, probably at Newport News Airport. The training is a Wing funded event. Each Group will have three allocations to attend. The objective is to provide at least one qualified member in each Group with training materials and expertise to conduct the training within each Group. Applications on CAP Form 17 should be sent my mail through the Group Commander to the Wing ES Officer. Class size will be limited. There will not be an alternate date, but if inclement weather prohibits some units from training, a second class will be held in a different part of the Commonwealth.

Projected activities in February include two important ES activities. First, the Wing plans to offer Familiarization and Preparatory Training to any member who wished to train for Incident Commander, Operations, Plans, Admin/Fin and Logistics Section Chiefs, Air or Ground Branch Directors. The location will likely be Wing Headquarters and the date is 1 February. On 15 February, the Wing will conduct a table-top exercise to put into practice those skills taught on 1 February. Combined with a SARCAP in March and a SAREVAL in May, it will be possible for anyone who meets the prerequisites for any of the above ratings to qualify for the specialty.

11. OPERATIONS: -The Monthly Aircraft Utilization Report, VAF-13, the CAPF 99, Flight Logs and any monies due Wing must be in Wing Headquarters by the 10th of each month. A FAX will not be accepted unless specifically directed by the Director of Operations. The following Course will be available for Pilots of the Virginia Wing.

There is a new CAPF 108 dated Oct 02 that has been distributed to each squadron. Please start using this updated version as soon as you receive it. The form has been modified to allow for certification by the Liaison Office.

Attention Pilots with CFI certificates and ratings. On January 25-26 VA Wing will sponsor a **National Check Pilot Standardization Course**. This course is encouraged for all holders of flight instructor certificates and is requisite for service as check pilots, check pilot examiners, and mission check pilots. (See 60-1 for specific requirements.) Please notify Captain Tim Brendle of your intention to attend. This year we hope to accomplish all class work on the 25th and complete all check rides on the 26th. You may contact Capt. Brendle at brendlet@attbi.com to make your reservation.

Cases of aircraft engine oil are being stored at Wing Headquarters for use by the Squadrons with aircraft. Aircraft custodians can arrange to pick up cases of oil to be used for maintenance of planes. A check out sheet is posted in the shed to be filled out when you pick out oil. Give to Admin Assistant so oil can be ordered when needed.

12. SAFETY- The issue of the missing safety reports due in the year 2002, discussed in the Sept/Oct newsletter as well as in specific messages from the Wing Commander, remains with us, and it is getting more critical as time passes. Please heed the seriousness with which the missing report problem is viewed and provide all reports to the Director of Safety as quickly as possible.

13. AEROSPACE EDUCATION- The third quarter reports were due by the end of October. I received them from six squadrons. If we expect to do well in the Aerospace Education area of the Inspection next year the squadron AE officer must send in the required reports. If there is no AE officer in your squadron, the Commander automatically becomes the AE officer. The report can be on the AE Activity report form or in paragraph form. If you write in paragraph form, be sure to include how many are working on the 215 track and where they are; how many seniors in your unit have passed the Yeager; and how many, if any, AEMs have been recruited and joined CAP via your unit activity.

Next time you are at Wing Headquarters look in the glass case under the counter and see all the materials that are available for your unit to borrow for an AE activity or program. This material can be borrowed for a period of one month, in order to do so your Group Commander must sign for them in the Wing Office.

14. TRANSPORTATION: The following information on exhaust fumes and carbon monoxide is provided as colder weather approaches and we keep our car/van windows rolled up more. Carbon Monoxide is often called the silent killer because it is undetectable to our senses. The exhaust of a poorly maintained vehicle can contain carbon monoxide concentrations of up to 10 per cent. Carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas, potentially lethal even in low concentrations and is undetectable to the senses.

Although the CO concentrations in the exhaust of a modern, emission controlled vehicle will be very low, even at concentrations of less than 0.1 per cent, lethal saturation of the blood can occur in just a few hours.

In a vehicle with missing or defective door, boot or tailgate seals, exhaust can enter the passenger compartment where carbon monoxide can build up in dangerous concentrations and poison those inside. Station wagons, hatchbacks and vans are especially prone to inwards exhaust leakage, but saloon cars aren't immune either.

Any exhaust odor noticed while driving should be regarded as life-threatening, especially if a long drive is planned.

Regular vehicle maintenance and inspection of the exhaust system is vital to protect you and others from the dangers of carbon monoxide. A visual inspection will turn up any defective or missing seals along the lower edges and up the lower sides of tailgates, rear doors and boot lids. Any unsealed openings in these areas should be treated as serious defects.

It is also important to check for exhaust leaks regularly, looking for holes in mufflers or pipes, and checking exhaust pressure by placing a protected hand over the end of the tailpipe. Use a rag on your hand and plug the end of the exhaust pipe with the engine running - the pressure should build up and blow your hand away from the pipe. If you can keep your hand there without much trouble, there is a leak in the exhaust system

15. GLIDER PROGRAM : Today's glider operation at Winchester was a great success with several "firsts". Although the cold NW winds were blowing throughout the day we were fortunate they were right down RW 32. 25 CAP members signed in starting at 0800. Danville cancelled due to the high winds and long driving distance. Due to the cold weather the safety, operations, ground and pilot briefings were conducted in the Winchester airport Conference room. Flight operations started at 10:30 and were completed by 1500. Last aircraft departed for home base at 1630.

Group 3 personnel trained Group 5 in ground operations primarily with 559 and the famous "rope drop" procedures. 7 Cadet Glider O rides and 3 power O rides also completed. More power rides could have been flown if additional acft were available. Cadets were from Group 5. All Group 5 personnel were certified in glider operations. Lt Catasus was certified as a glider O ride pilot by Capt. Warnick. N99559 was swapped with N98714 and flown back to Chesapeake, Va by the Group 5 air crew. The Virginia glider will be air towed to Chesapeake within the next 2 weeks.

The successful operation today marks another step forward in the Virginia glider program as full time glider operations will now begin in the Tidewater area. Maj. Bateman, Group 5 CC and present Group 5 glider coordinator, will soon be publishing a schedule on the Wing glider web page and Virginia Sqdns can now fly out of either Chesapeake or Winchester.

Thanks to all, named and unnamed in this summary, that braved the cold winds and temperatures to be part of another success story in Virginia CAP. Special thanks to the Cadets and glider pilots that had to fly in an unheated acft to enjoy the thrill of flight. I overheard one of the glider pilots saying he had asked the Cadet flying the glider, if he wanted to go back and land as it was very cold at altitude. Cadet said "No". The pilot, who was now freezing, then asked (begging) the Cadet if he was cold. The Cadet replied " yes, but not cold enough to land". That says it all.

16. CHAPLAIN/CISM- CISM will be a new term for many. It stands for Critical Incident Stress Management. The Virginia Department of Health, OEM is offering basic CISM training providing the core elements of a comprehensive, systematic and multi-component crisis intervention curriculum. This training meets the requirement by CAP for membership on a CISM team. The dates and places for training are: March 8 -10 Fredericksburg area and Mar 20-21, '03 in the Radford area. We are looking for new members for our team and this is a rare opportunity to receive the needed training. Cost is only \$10. Contact Mary H. Bronson at 540-667-8194 for questions regarding the team or training.

Jan 2003

11 Commander's Call for Unit CC's, Group CC's and Wing Staff; other members welcome

11 Review board for Encampment Cadet CC and XO (during Commanders Call)

18 MER Commanders Call

24-26 GSAR Institute, VDEM sponsored, Blue Ridge, VA

25-26 National Check Pilot Standardization Course

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5 - Corp. Vehicle Daily Inspection Reports

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- Chaplains Report

- 4th Qtr. 2000 Safety Report and **Year End Safety Report** due

- 4th Qtr. 2000 Public Affairs Report and monthly report due

- 4th Qtr. 2000 Aerospace Education Report

- Squadron Yearly Goal Sheet, VAF 35

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Newsbreak

Augusta Composite Squadron- On 14, Oct. 02 the General Billy Mitchell Award was given to sisters Virginia, Kate, and Erin Lamnick. Never has this happened in the history of the Augusta Composite Squadron of Waynesboro, Virginia Wing or National. This squadron was first chartered in 1956 making it the oldest Composite Squadron in Virginia. Virginia, Kate and Erin Lamnick were presented not only the General Billy Mitchell award but were also given special congratulation from Governor Warner, Senator Allen, Congressmen Goodlatte and the General Assembly of Virginia. Among the dignitaries of the evening were Col. Vazquez Virginia Wing Commander, Virginia State Delegates Chris Saxman and Steve Landis, Waynesboro Mayor Ricketts, Staunton Vice Mayor Robinson, Augusta County Supervisor Orvin Kiser, Augusta County School Superintendent Dr. McQuain along

with representatives from Virginia State Police, Waynesboro and Staunton Police Departments. After receiving their awards Virginia, Kate and Erin were then promoted to Cadet 2nd. Lt. by Col. Vazquez and Squadron Commander 1st.Lt. Terry Gentile. The awards and promotion ceremony was held in the hangar of Rick and Leslie Hock at the Waynesboro Eagle's Nest Airport.

Thanks to all the senior members for the hard work in planning this great awards ceremony.

Danville Composite Squadron - has experienced the most growth this year of it's entire history. 20 new cadets since January 2002, a growth of 500%. We have also signed up 5 cadet sponsor members. Cadet Orientation rides were performed at the hangar on 11/23 by 2LT Woody (MTV) and 1LT Sikes (Richlands). 7 sorties were flown for a total of 21 orientation rides given in one day. A big thanks to 2LT Woody and 1LT Sikes for donating their entire Saturday to the cadets.

The annual Christmas party was held on 12/5 with promotions announced and awards delivered.

Holston Composite Squadron - On 16 Nov 2002, eight members of our Squadron Maj. Robert Dorton, Capt. Charles Tyhurst, TFO Justin Adkinson, SM Banks Garrison, C/SMSgt Justin Yorong, C/SrA Charles Marsh, C/A1C William Garrison, and C/Amn Christopher Dea participated in the Martinsville SARCAP MELR03-012. It was a cold rainy day but we were able to train cadets and seniors in Urban Direction Finding Team, and Mission Radio Operator. Thank you to all members that attended. Our Squadron location has changed until further notice we are now meeting at the VA Highlands Community College in room 406.

LANGLEY COMPOSITE SQUADRON – Congratulations to C/CMSgt K. Washington, C/SSgt C. Durnont and C/Amn P. Guerrero on their promotions.

The Langley Composite Squadron was host to the Group 5 Fall Ftx on 25 to 27 Oct. It took place in Newport News Park Campground with the following events at Fort Eustis: Leadership Reaction Course; Obstacle Course; meals in the dining hall; ELT mission in a wooded training area and a tour of the 3rd Port (Army boats). Attending the FTX were personnel from 5 squadrons: Hanover-3 cadets; Newport News-5 cadets and one SM; Norfolk-5 cadets and one SM; Tidewater-7 cadets and 2 SM's; and Langley-12 cadets and 4 SM's. Also attending was Maj Joseph Bateman, the Group 5 Commander and visiting on Sat was the Wing Commander, Col Joseph Vasquez.

The SM's from Langley attending the FTX were: SM Robert Carey, Capt Charlene Shidisky, LtCol Monica Richardson, and LtCol Will Kinnaird for Moral Leadership and chef for the cookout on Sunday. Squadron cadets attending the FTX were: Tyler Crockett, Patrick Dolan, James Streams, Brett Kessler, Kevin Welsch, Charles Brock, Adam Jaynes, Christopher Gates, Paul Wojtas, James Osborne, Jonathan Hildebrand, and Pedro Guerrero-who the cadet staff nominated as outstanding cadet.

Other items of interest: there were 11 O'Rides in the month of October. Our cadets participated in the fund raising activity in Oct. They worked several week end evenings at the Haunted Forest at Sandy Bottom Nature Park; On 30 Oct the Color Guard presented the Colors at the retirement ceremony for SMSgt Charles Brock, USAF (Ret). The squadron received a very nice thank you note for their outstanding presentation. Thank you to the Color Guard members: Cadets: Christopher Gates, Adam Jaynes, Charles Brock, and Maria Miller. A special Thank You to Capt Shidisky for organizing the Color Guard.

Welcome to our new senior members Richard Kessler and a transfer from ND, Capt Jeremy Langrock.

Martinsville Composite Squadron hosted the Wing SARCAP on November 16th. Even with the weather giving the SARCAP Torrential down pours and a low ceiling canceling flight operations, there was a lot of ground team, and mission staff training that took place. The overall attendance was 68 CAP personnel (32 senior members and 36 cadets), of which 26 camped out in tents Friday night. Just a note for thought "If you don't train in the rain, how do you know how well you can perform in the rain", as a lot of ES mission take place during bad weather.

Roanoke Composite Squadron- In October, C/1Lt Patrick Bennett completed Achievement 11 and also earned the Cadet Recruiter Ribbon.

An ELT mission was completed with no ELT found. The aircrew consisted of Lt's Argabright and Slusher with Lt Col Kabler on the ground.